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*Are You Going to Plant Berries?*

# JOHN DAVIS BERRY PLANTS

*Are as Good as  
Can be Grown*

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**We are Berry Specialists  
We Give Quality and Service  
and Our Prices are as Low  
as We Can Grow Plants**

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**Established 1912**

**John Davis Plant and Berry  
Farm, <sup>Tarrant</sup> (County) Smithfield, Texas**



We Give Our Stock in the Nursery Row Our Careful Attention, Thus Assuring You Only the Best.

## Information and Terms

**W**E guarantee to send out plants free from disease, true to name and deliver them in good condition. If our plants are given proper care our guarantee is they will grow and bear fruit. If they fail we will replace, free of charge, the plants or refund the purchase price

All complaints must be made on receipt of plants and it is agreed that we will not be held for any greater amount and we cannot guarantee the crop.

It is our intention to send out only first class stock and to satisfy every customer.

### SUBSTITUTION

If our supply of a variety has exhausted, we will write you at once. Then you may instruct us. This takes time and causes some delay, but we want you to get what you want.

### CARE OF STOCK

In case stock is shipped from our nursery on a warm day and cold weather is encountered during transit and stock is received by you frozen, put in cellar or bury in ground until thawed out. Stock will not be hurt. Do not attempt to thaw out in warm place, nor use water.

In moderate weather when plants or trees are received, unwrap them, dig a trench wide and deep enough to place them in it. (Leave a small space between each.) Plant deeper than they stood in nursery row. Put a little soil on roots, water well, then cover with dirt. Set out as soon as can.

### PRICES

Prices on all of our stock is delivered to you in Texas or Oklahoma, and re-

member, in ordering that this is a big item. Our postage bill last February was around \$35.00 for stamps, but we do not mind that. We pack well in straw or moss and can mail fairly good sized orders. We fill no orders for less than \$1.00.

If you order plants sent C. O. D. remember there will be 10c extra charge on them. We do not pay the C. O. D. fees unless your order is \$3.00 or more.

We give a truthful description of what we have for sale in this book.

### TERMS

Terms are cash with order. Suit yourself how to send it. We take your check.

If you want to secure stock before it is sold out and not ready to plant, send order in and pay for it. We will hold and care for until ordered out.

### ADDRESS

Every time you write us give your address plainly. Be sure to sign your name. Address your order to

JOHN DAVIS,  
SMITHFIELD, TEXAS



## A Word About Ourselves

**F**IRST, I am grateful to you many good people who have favored us with your orders. Some of you for a great many years. A business will live and grow or die. I am thankful that we grow and can take care of lots of new friends and customers and ask a trial order from them.

This little book comes to you in working clothes. I work in my trees and berries and plants every day and wrote this book evenings after dinner.

By superintending my plant farm myself I save you and me money and know what I am doing. There is a big difference in growing plants and trees to sell and growing them to live, grow and bear fruit. Learn the business and you will see it and then you will not wonder at the high prices of trees and plants.

I believe there is none too good for my trade and try to grow the best.

A small or large order will receive our careful attention.

**JOHN DAVIS.**

## Apples

If apples don't do well with you, you may have the wrong variety. They don't generally do well here. I herewith list two varieties that I know have not failed to fruit here in nine years, and trees are thrifty. A Mr. Jefferson from Mississippi came to Parker County, near Newark, Texas, and settled a place about fifty years ago. He brought with him some apple trees and planted them on the place. I have watched them and for some years they have been loaded with fruit each year. I watched them load a truck with sixteen bushels from four trees and one could hardly miss them. He said he could not remember how old the trees were. They cover a space of 18 to 20 feet. The apple is always firm; late in August; it has a few red stripes on it; a cooking apple; they are the size of a teacup and larger. One has to see this apple to appreciate it. The parentage tree still lives and is owned by Mr. J. D. Jefferson of Newark. I got some stock from him and grow them on whole root stock. They like rich sandy or bottom land. I have only a small supply this season. Nice trees.

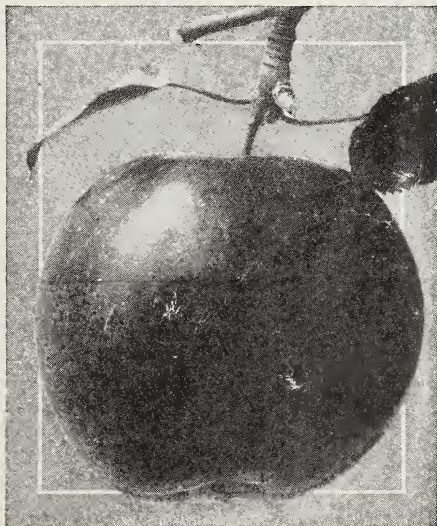
Each 75c; 6 for \$3.00; 12 for \$5.00.

**San Jacinto**—July; like a very large red

June apple of which it appears to be a seedling. Ripens just after Red June, a variety of the highest merit for both the table or market; fine keeper for an early apple. 3 to 4 ft. trees.

Each, 75c; 6 for \$4.00; 12 for \$7.50.

Any land that will grow corn will grow apples. Plant 20 feet apart.



**San Jacinto**

## Blackberries

Plant Blackberries in rows eight feet apart and three feet distance unless otherwise stated where variety is described; cultivate like dewberries but do not mow vines. Blackberries and Raspberries bear their fruit upon canes grown the previous summer. After these canes bear they die in the fall and new canes that came up that spring and summer bear the next spring. These old canes should be pruned close to the ground in the fall, and the new canes topped at height you want them. Get bulletins from Department of Agriculture, Austin, Tex., or Washington, D. C., on berries.

**Dallas**—June; one of the hardiest of all blackberries; needed in every garden. It is a favorite for canning.

12 plants, 50c; 50 plants, \$1.50; 100 plants, \$2.50; 1,000 plants, \$14.00.

**McDonald**—A hybrid of blackberries and dewberries; large and good quality; earliest of all blackberries, ripening a few days after Austin. It has a pistillate or pure female flower and will not bear fruit planted alone. It must get its pollen from a staminate or perfect flowering kind growing nearby. We use Dallas and Early Wonder to give it pollen. Do not plant it alone.

12 plants, 50c; 25 plants, 75c; 50 plants, \$1.50; 100 plants, \$2.00; 1,000 plants, \$15.00.

**Robinson**—This is a fine blackberry for good sandy land; likes cultivation; resists rust well. Plant it if you have sandy land; ripens June 20th; sometimes called straight berry.

12 plants, 75c; 50 plants, \$2.00; 100 plants, \$3.50; 500 plants, \$10.00; 1,000 plants, \$18.00.

**Eureka**—The sweetest and firmest of all blackberries; has smallest seed of any berry; coal black, long in shape, like mulberry; very thorny; stands straight up, bears well, makes plants fast, blooms late, misses the late frosts; ripens late in June; ships well. A native of Alabama.

12 plants, \$1.00; 50 plants, \$2.00; 100 plants, \$3.50; 1,000 plants, \$25.00.

**John Davis Blackberry**—A seedling of a

**Michigan Berry**—Most an ever bearing berry, ripens in June and July; most prolific of all blackberries; large, finest of flavor; plant 5 to 6 feet apart in drill rows 9 feet wide; ½ gallon of berries have been picked at a single picking from one vine. They grow 5 and 6 feet high, should be topped each July to suit you. Bears the second year. They are a beautiful sight in the garden and ripen



This Photo of Eureka Blackberries Shows How Close the Berries Grow, Which Makes Very Easy Picking.

when all other berries are gone. Grow a vine in a large pot or old tub in yard or on porch, they are ornamental as well as for fruit.

Each plant, 40c; 3 plants, \$1.00; 12 plants, \$3.00; 25 plants, \$5.00; 50 plants, \$9.00; 100 plants, \$15.00.

**Early Wonder Blackberry** — Liked by some. June. Good to pollinize McDonald.

12 plants, 50c; 50 plants, \$1.50; 100 plants, \$2.50.

**Haupt**—It makes its own demand; we have a pure strain of plants.

Each plant, 20c; 100 plants, \$5.00.

**Corry's Thornless Blackberries**—A berry from California. We are testing it here, although haven't fruited it yet. Our plants are growing nicely. We will tip plants this season only; plant them 6 feet apart in drill and rows 8 feet wide. Handle them like grapes, let them run along on wires; vines are thornless, have some stickers on leaves; they are



highly recommended, having produced two tons of berries per acre on the coast. Worthy a trial.

6 plants, \$1.25; 12 plants, \$2.50.

**Southern Raspberry**—A new variety that has been thoroughly tested and proven successful in the southern states; it likes clay and loamy soils and hillsides. My plants have just stood a five week drought and look good here; they grow on an upright bush. Berries clear light red, pure raspberry flavor; sprouts come up thickly and make plants fast. Through the kindness of the Austin Nursery we are allowed to sell some plants.

4 plants, \$1.00; 10 plants, \$2.00; 50 plants, \$7.00.

## Dewberries

Plant in rows 6 feet apart by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet distance in rows. The ground should be well broken and harrowed. Lay off the rows with small turning plow or Georgia stock with 6-inch solid sweep. Put plants in and run around them, leaving 2 or 3 inches top out. If dry, water in planting. After third year when you gather the last picking of berries run a mower over them, cut and rake vines. Be sure to do at right time then you will get a good crop the next year. If haven't mower use disc. Chop them good. Keep grass and weeds out. Plow them in spring and summer. Keep turning plows and listers out of berries and orchards. Use sweeps or discs. In family gardens use hoe or garden plow.

**Austin Mays**—Large and prolific; ripens in May and June. This berry will yield \$300 worth of berries (at 40c per gallon) to the acre. Try it. Extra good.

12 plants, 40c; 25 plants, 75c; 50 plants, \$1.00; 100 plants, \$1.75; 1,000 plants, \$12.00.

**Rodgers**—This is perhaps the earliest of all dewberries. Ripens here last of April and first of May. Firm, medium to large; stands shipping well and beats other berries to market. Plants are always small, but make large vines. Makes plants fast from tips.

12 plants, 50c; 25 plants, \$1.00; 50 plants, \$1.50; 100 plants, \$2.50; 1,000 plants, \$20.00.

**Wine Berry**—Extra large, prolific, sweet; gets soft and is very juicy; likes rich sandy loam land and cultivates well. This berry is one of my seedling which I improved; it makes so much juice I called it Wineberry. Plants are limited. Extra good. Ripens in May.

12 plants, 75c; 25 plants, \$1.25; 50 plants, \$2.00; 100 plants, \$3.00.

**White Dewberry or Dove Colored**—Medium size, bears fairly well, vines are extra thorny, although thorns are soft. Acid like flavor. A curiosity, much prized by ladies when they have company. Ripens in May.

Each plant, 20c; 6 plants, \$1.00.

**Austin's Thornless Dewberry**—This is no doubt the coming berry. It stands dry weather well, they tip and make plants fast. They are just as prolific as any dewberry and are thornless; ripens here in May and June. Berry growers, your dream has come true; they are as large as the old Austin and sweeter. They are all that Mr. Austin claims they are; people love to pick them. We will be able to supply only those who order early for this year.

12 plants, \$1.25; 50 plants, \$3.00; 100 plants, \$5.00; 1,000 plants, \$30.00.

## Japanese Persimmons

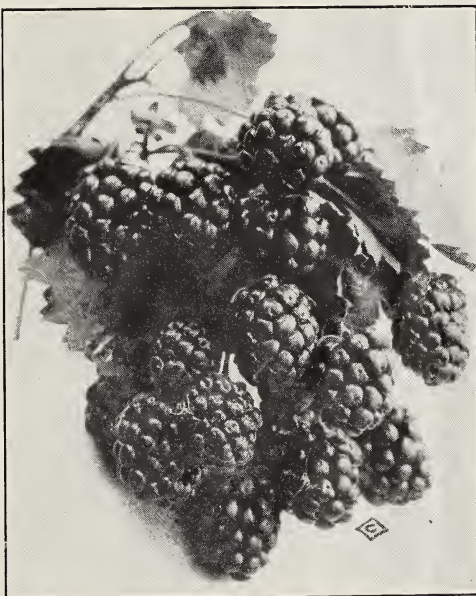
JAPAN PERSIMMONS—

Each .....\$0.75  
Per dozen ..... 8.00

**Hyakume**—Large, round, orange red; sweet, few seeds.

## Plums

We have a few plum trees. Write us your wants in plums.



A Cluster of Austin Thornless Dewberry  
(About One-third Natural Size.)

## Grapes

In Grapes we have extra good stock, sure to please you. We send out vines we'll rooted.

Prices, all grapes: Each, 30c; 6 for \$1.50, 12 for \$2.50, 50 for \$12.00, 100 for \$20.00.

**Carman**—Vigorous grower; foliage never attacked by leaf folder or mildew; very prolific, some clusters weigh one pound. Berries dark red, thin skinned but never cracks; rich quality; much superior to Concord; for a market grape, plant it. July.

**Delaware**—Medium pink, sweet; fine for arbors.

**Moore's Early**—June; one of the earliest; blue-black berries; very sweet; prolific; large, thrifty grower. For a good early grape we plant it first.

**Goth**—Pink, fine for arbor; sweet and large; prolific; if you like a sweet grape plant it; July.

**America**—July; strong grower; cluster conical, sufficiently compact; berries very persistent; medium size, globular, black; skin thin and tender; ripens evenly; fine wine grape.



Carman Grape

## Peach Trees

Peach trees, 1 year old, 2½ to 4 feet high; good roots.

Each .....	\$ 0.35
Per dozen .....	4.00
Per 100 .....	32.00

**Elberta**—July.

**Mamie Ross**—June.

**Old Red Indian Cling**—July.

**Arp Beauty**—June 15; like Elberta but an earlier peach.

**Elberta Cling (Kent's)**—August; fine, large sweet Elberta Cling.

## Pears

**Keiffer**—The most successful grower of the southwest. Nearest blight proof as pears can be. Ripens September and October. Fine keeper.

1 year old, 50c; 2 years old, 75c.

If your neighbor is going to plant something we have, send us his name as you write us. Thanks, we shall remember you.



Progressive Everbearing

## Strawberries

**Improved Klondike**—Most successful midseason variety for the southwest. Bright red, large and prolific.

25 plants, 50c; 50 plants, 85c; 100 plants, \$1.50.

**Progressive Everbearing**—The best of all everbearing sorts in the South, will give berries in the spring then again in the fall, not bearing during the hottest weather. We secured a pure strain of these plants; medium berries of good quality; they are nice for pot plants as well as for fruit.

25 plants, 75c; 50 plants, \$1.50; 100 plants, \$2.25; 1,000 plants, \$12.00.

Remember our prices are delivered to you.

We grow potato, cabbage and tomato plants in season. Write us for varieties and prices in the spring.



## Roses

This is said to be the best part of the state in which to grow roses and I think so, too. We do not grow cheap varieties of roses, but send out only good, well rooted stock budded. We recommend that you water and cultivate them for best results.

### MONTHLY BLOOMERS

**Kaiserin Augusta Victoria**—White, fragrant, fine buds and flowers; long stem; strong grower; hardy on most any soil.

**La France**—Silvery rose with pink shade and satin-like petals; a beauty; large and fragrant; rose blooms June until frost.

**Lady Hillingdon**—Medium rose. Buds round; blooms a yellow apricot color and changes to fawn. Where rainfall is light, plant this rose first.

**Pink Radiance**—For a pink rose that does not shatter quickly, it leads. Opens up pink with shades of copper; prolific bloomer; likes cultivation.

**Sun Burst**—Medium yellow, blooms every morning in spring and fall and after every shower; Sun Burst makes a tall bush.

**Red Radiance**—For a red rose we list it and no other. A beautiful red rose always in bloom in its season; spring until fall; water and cultivate; large, long buds.

**Pink Dorothy Perkins**—Is the only running rose we list; has clusters of pink flowers in spring and is most an evergreen throughout the winter; small dark



Red Radiance

leaves, vines are long runners, fine for arbor or shade; very hardy, spring bloomer.

### PRICES ALL ROSES

2 years old, each, 50c; 6 for \$2.75; per dozen, \$5.00; per 100, \$35.00.

Order assorted if you wish. Our roses are field grown by a specialist. Prepare the ground by loosening it 18 to 20 inches deep, put in rich loam; plant them 2 inches deeper than they stood in nursery.

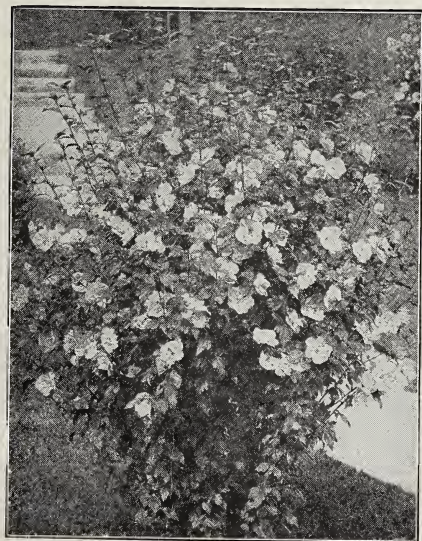
## Flowering Shrubs

**Red Crepe Myrtle**—Grows 10 to 15 feet; June until October; has beautifully fringed flowers borne in large clumps. A mass of these or a single specimen make a most striking effect. Plant one on each side of front yard or use as back border. We have red, pink and crimson.

Each, 50c; 12 assorted colors, \$4.00.

**Althea, Rose of Sharon**—Blooms all summer, almost without rain; nothing more hardy or beautiful; suited to all parts of the state. Grows 5 to 8 feet high. Order some of our Altheas; they come to you in little bushes 18 inches to 2 feet high. We have them in snowy white, pink, red, variegated and purple.

Each, 50c.



Althea

We do business at the Smithfield State Bank.

Our reference is our customers.

If you don't like the way your plants are packed or if you are not pleased with them, tell us; we do not know it all. Neither do you.

If you are pleased, tell us. That encourages us.



John Davis Blackberries Are Large, Prolific, Luscious

**Once a Customer  
Always a Customer**

Write for a Catalog---It's Free

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